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There will be more room in our new quarters, where a proper store-room for seeds will be provided.—S. T. STARRET.

Why in the Sam Hill don't Starret plant the seeds instead of store 'em. Afraid they won't grow, eh?

Lihue, Kauai,
Nov. 16, 1911.

Editor GARDEN ISLAND,

Dear Sir:

I want to tell you how much I admire the policy of our local paper. The people on Kauai are to be congratulated on having a paper edited by one who speaks out fearlessly and truthfully concerning the live issues of the day. The promptness with which our splendid little paper takes up the scepter in the cause of justice and common sense, is a pleasure to its readers.

The servant question, dealt with in your last issue, is one which concerns many of us, and the frank statement of facts, may sting somewhat, but will nevertheless do much towards putting a stop to a habit which is said to exist. Again, the war for justice which you are conducting in behalf of the teachers of Kauai, rings with truthfulness and the statement of facts are so forcibly put as to convince your readers that to THE GARDEN ISLAND the teachers have every cause to be exceedingly grateful as a champion of their interests.

A READER.

Stung Again

Honolulu is stung again. She has once more indicated her gullability in the present yellow fever scare. It is not intended as a reflection on the Board of Health to say that the order to destroy banana trees was without doubt the most ridiculous thing which ever happened to Honolulu.

Going back to hardpan, the whole affair hinges upon the negligence of the doctor in charge of the quarantine station, whose permission, or neglect—both being equal—allowed the infected guard to leave the station.

Upon this doctor, whoever he is, and he only, rests the entire blame for the present state of affairs.

A man in such a position, a man upon whom the very lives of thousands depend, a man in whom the government places every confidence and indicates that confidence by placing him in such a very responsible position, a man who will, intentionally or thoughtlessly, betray that trust, especially in such instances, is guilty of criminal neglect and should be given only consideration sufficient to properly and effectively apply a No. 10 boot in the immediate vicinity of his solar plexus. Not only should he be immediately removed from office, but there should be a law enacted whereby men who would endanger the lives of so many people by neglecting his duty, should be punished. In this instance there seems to be a clear case of criminal neglect from the head official of the quarantine station. There are those who blame the unfortunate Hawaiian guard, but such reports, when investigated, generally originate from those who never blame the higher-up so long as there is an under dog.

It is not for us to pass judgment on the correctness of the doctors' diagnosis. In fact, they are reputable men and are to be believed. While this is a fact, however, we have the privilege of believing that the doctors who are in

charge of a part of the importance of Yokohama, are equally as well up in modern medical science. They are men who have been educated in English, German, French and American colleges; men who have been especially prepared for their position and who are selected according to their fitness for the work. This being true, and the recent cable from Yokohama announcing the case to be jaundice, and that no further cases had developed on board the Maru, lends considerable support to the already widely prevailing belief that the case in Honolulu was not yellow fever.

The enormity of the blunder made by the quarantine doctor, can be partly realized when we consider the damage which has been caused by the wholesale destruction of banana trees, the amount of time and money spent on sanitation etc., all of which might easily have been avoided had one single individual realized the gravity of the situation and attended to business. And this individual is not any ignorant Hawaiian guard by a long shot.

It costs a country newspaper money every time it takes a stand on any question. Almost any citizen besides a newspaper man can do so without injuring his business or losing money. If the editor advocates improvements the soreheads go after him and sometimes stop their paper. If he opposes improvement the progressives get on him and call him a knocker and a back number. If he publishes politics the opposite gets into his hair, and if he doesn't then he is afraid to stand up for his opinion. If he condemns mail order houses there are some persons who tell him to mind his own business and that they will trade where they please. If he publishes a mail order house advertisement the merchants are after his gore. No country paper can come out squarely without making enemies and losing money and in the run of a year or more will incur some criticism from everybody. The newspaper man who undertakes to please everybody will please nobody: if he is honest, sincere and thoughtful, the public will respect his paper.

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